

On Fascism and How to Fight It: Decolonization and Liberation

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Since Trump's election, concern about fascism has become widespread. George Orwell's *1984* became a bestseller and sold out at Amazon. But many people seem to think that resisting fascism involves defending the status quo, or giving the Democrats "backbone." The idea that opposing fascism is meant to save the established order is actually part of the appeal of fascism to people who are fed up with the status quo. Identifying fascism, in the US context, exclusively with the right wing and the Republicans is also naive. Fascism is built from above and below, and has support from elites who finance both major parties and deep roots in the whole history of the US.

There are, roughly speaking, three views of fascism out there, all incorrect or false to one degree or another: 1) how fascism presents itself; 2) how competing rulers, and competing strategies and ideologies within imperialism present it; and 3) how working class revolutionaries, anarchist or socialist, have traditionally seen it. These incorrect understandings of fascism reflect incorrect understandings of class society and colonialism as a whole.

Fascism presents itself as revolutionary, anti-capitalist and anti-communist, nationalistic and militaristic, a vanguard that welds together a "volk" into a fighting machine in which a new state and social order is created that purges weakness, sentimentality, and "alien" influences, particularly insofar as it defends "womanhood."

Competing pro-imperialist ideologies generally speaking, portray fascism as uniquely totalitarian, nationalistic, militaristic, racist, religiously rigid and xenophobic, to which anti-gay and anti-woman have been added more recently. These pro-imperialists portray themselves as a bulwark against fascism.

Communist and anarchist analyses have tended to portray fascism as reactionary, and anti-working class,



but using racial and religious scapegoating to manipulate workers into lining up behind an iconic "maximum leader." Sexual repression, particularly latent or repressed homoeroticism, is often emphasized as a psychological factor.

All three views accurately portray fascism as the master of propaganda and spectacle, and as noted, as nationalistic and militaristic. But what's wrong with or inadequate about these views? How can a more correct understanding guide successful revolutionary anti-fascist practice?

Fascists, rival imperialists, and euro/worker-centric communists and anarchists, all have, for purposes of their own, reasons to disguise the true nature of fascism, and to distinguish it categorically from other "less evil" forms of class society and oppressive, exploitative rule.

Fascists want to present themselves as revolutionary anti-capitalists (may even believe they are) in order to cement a mass base and mass participation in their effort.

Other rulers and pro-imperial ideologies or strategies want to portray fascism as evil incarnate, the bogey man in comparison to whom the others' exploitation, oppression, militarism and repressive measures look benign or justified. They use fascism as a threat to dangle if resistance steps up — "Look how much worse things can be; we're the best deal you're going to get." They want working and middle class people to unite with "their own" bourgeoisie because fascists would be so much worse.

Euro/worker-centric socialists and anarchists are blinded to the true nature of fascism — and of their own projects — because they believe their approach will run their advanced industrial societies better (that is, deep down they still accept the empire). In some cases they are actually seeking an alliance with "their own" bourgeoisie, with whom they think they can make common cause against the fascists.

If these views are wrong, what is correct? People understand that there's a connection between imperialism and fascism. As the US has become more openly imperialist, there is a common widespread fear that "fascism" is on the immediate horizon here. Now everyone smells it in the Trump regime. We need to be clear, however, that our resistance, the more effective it is, can in fact make fascist responses *more* likely, and we must prepare accordingly.

To really understand what is going on, we need to take a step back to get a clearer and more valid picture of the real context of empire and class society within which fascism operates.



The Imperial/Colonial Roots of "Fascism"

The European "nation states" where modern imperialism and fascism originated are better understood as *empire* states. Great Britain/UK, France, Spain, etc. were each an empire in themselves, modeling themselves on the Greek empire of Alexander and the Roman Empire of the Caesars. They took shape by controlling dominated people and other language groups consolidated within a territory and an economic bio-region through the leadership of the bourgeoisie in alliance with the landed gentry. Leadership necessarily implies the independent participation of other classes and strata (higher AND lower), whose efforts were cohered with and subsumed into the bourgeoisie's project.

Germany and Italy — where fascism emerged most fully and (briefly) triumphantly — both had failed to consolidate such empire states completely or in a timely manner, compared to many other European powers. The fascists set themselves the task of accomplishing what their bourgeoisie had failed to do — propel Germany and Italy into full domestic empire state status and full international participation in carving up the rest of the globe. (This is actually quite similar to what happened in the Czarist Russian empire, where the communists, particularly under Stalin, set themselves the task of completing the revolution



the Russian bourgeoisie had proven itself incapable of carrying out, particularly in agriculture, and pushing for the Russification of dominated peoples and lands in what Lenin had referred to as a "prison house of nations.")

Fascism in Europe, particularly German and Italian fascism, set itself the task of completing the empire-state building process that their bourgeoisie had lagged in carrying out. For Germany, especially, this meant redrawing the map of Europe itself, and building an extensive empire within the heart of Europe. This ultimately proved intolerable to the British (and the US), who thus delineated Hitler's Germany in particular as beyond the limits of "acceptable" imperialist behavior.

But Hitler's philosophy, ideology and mechanisms of rule were rooted in imperialism, in lessons learned from US empire building and "scientific race relations," as well as that empire's industrialization, modernization, and integration of immigrant workers into an "Americanized" proletariat — using reservations, sterilization, white supremacist mass organizations, and mass merchandising. Some of the cells which coalesced into Hitler's National Socialist German Workers Party were actually composed of former members of the US KKK who had returned to Germany in the 20's after the US Ku Klux Klan collapsed.

Nazi views and practices also grew out of the German colonial experience in Africa, where the German Reich had carried out a mass genocide of the Herero people of Namibia (aka German Southwest Africa). The Nazi party distinguished itself from other right wing parties and movements, however, in its willingness to develop armed power outside the alleged 'monopoly' of the state,

and to carry forward independent action based on other class strata, regardless of bourgeois dictates. Nonetheless, even the Nazi party, like Mussolini's fascists, participated in and was legitimated by the bourgeois electoral system.

Fascism: Bringing Colonial Rule Home

In general, fascism can best be understood as bringing the methods of imperial rule in the colonies into the metropole. This is true regardless of whether the societies in which it was imposed or organized had a previous imperial history. It is no coincidence, for example, that Franco of Spain launched the Falangist campaign from a colonial garrison, or that later French fascist forces were based in the settler-colonists of Algeria. Fascist elements in Romania and Hungary, for example, who collaborated with Hitler, hearkened to the glorious past of the Roman or Austro-Hungarian Empires.

In the colonies, genocide has been the rule, not the exception, of imperialism. "Democracy" is only for the settlers; dictatorship and slave labor apply to the indigenous and other colonized people. The corporate model of economic organization, later applied by the fascists to the state *and society* as a whole, developed in colonial enterprise. The first corporations were the colonizing corporations — British East India Company, Hudson's Bay Company, or the British crown's monopoly on the African slave "trade," etc. — who could bear the costs and risks of colonization because of shared and limited liability, and who exercised state power directly over the colonized territories and populations.

Militarism in the form of conquest is a necessity of direct and settler colonialism. In Brazil, for example, all the vast tracts of land conquered by Portugal were distributed to the families of the military officers who conquered them.

The mass base of participation in colonial rule came via the settler population of all class strata, who participated actively and often independently in land grabs and extermination without waiting for bourgeois 'legitimacy.'

All this was translated to the metropole by Hitler, as the liberal German state proved incapable of fending off economic ruin or worker revolt. Except that the mechanisms — dictatorship, slave labor, corporatization of the state and society, mass participation in militarism, looting and oppression — were seen operating directly within the German population at large, including against its racially and ethnically defined minorities, and against its European neighbors. Hitler was ultimately intolerable to Churchill and Roosevelt, not because of philosophical differences, but because the state he created empowered Germany to remake the existing world economic order. Hitler's genocide of the Jews and the Roma is defined as unique because it was carried out against Europeans, inside Europe.

US capital played a strong role in building Hitler's war machine, perhaps hoping as some in Britain did that it could safely be directed against the Soviets. In any event, once the die was cast, and global war became inevitable, the 'democracies' showed no compunction in waging warfare on a mass scale against both German and Japanese civilians. Nor, once the war was won, did the US delay in swiftly incorporating the Nazi apparatus into the US military, space program, and national security state agencies, especially the CIA, or in providing a subordinate role within the US empire to the Japanese militarists. In Vietnam and elsewhere that the Japanese had dislodged European empires, the US swiftly restored French colonial rule.

Most (not all) direct external colonialism has ended -- the US, UK and France still have direct colonies in the Caribbean where slave-based colonies extracted much of the wealth that built empires -- but colonialism persists in

Alt-Right Trolls Posing as Boston Antifa on Facebook

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Please share this on Facebook and Twitter. The tightly-knit crews of friends and comrades involved in the grassroots antifascist organizing taking place in the Boston area have remained steadfast in their resolution and commitment to each other and the communities they're part of, showing unwavering solidarity in supporting each other while overcoming recent obstacles. After an anti-president's day march was attacked by riot police in Worcester, 7 comrades were arrested on a range of bullshit charges (help the legal aid fund [HERE](#)).

As if to add insult to injury, the local newsrag decided to publish the personal information of the arrestees within hours of their arrests. This public outing of these young activists as antifascists was not only a sadistic attempt at humiliation on behalf of the news publication, who claim one of their reporters was assaulted while trying to livestream the march – but the publishing of their information was careless and dangerous more than anything, because almost immediately they were viscerously doxxed by a widely followed local right-wing blog known for trying to humiliate “SJWs” and acting as a platform for local racist, homophobic/transphobic and misogynist toxicity.

In the wake of these events, the longstanding “Boston Antifa” Facebook page had been receiving a massive influx of troll activity, having been spammed with comments and messages from thousands of alt-right and fascist troll accounts. This “raid” was initiated by an alt-right meme page called God Emperor Trump, which resulted in Facebook entirely removing the Boston Antifa page due to what was likely a mass-reporting by these internet people. The Boston Antifa page, which had been up since 2011, had recently been a resource for all of the organizing going on in Boston around the Trump resistance and also provided a point of contact for folks who wanted to get involved.

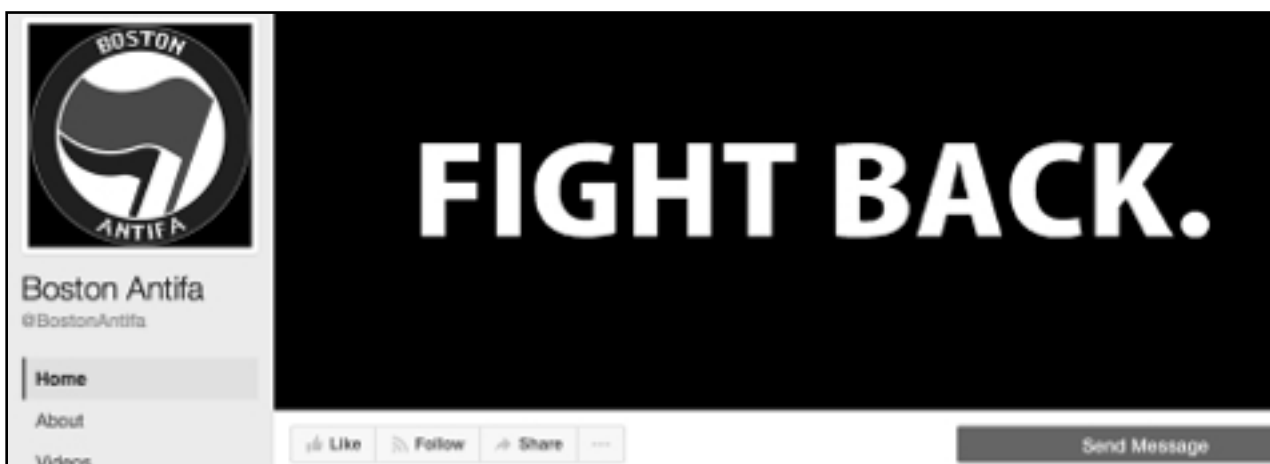


16832324_673340866171563_1957313865705741449_n.png Feb. 21 Notice from Facebook deleting the long-standing original Boston Antifa page

However, the same day that the original Boston Antifa page was deleted by Facebook, almost immediately two new pages were created by alt-right trolls hijacking the “Boston Antifa” page name. One page was clearly a troll page making fun of antifa and posting Trump memes, but the other looked like it could be a legitimate antifascist page, if only at a glance.



Screen Shot 2017-02-27 at 9.02.32 AM.png 1 of 2 fake Boston Antifa Facebook pages



Screen Shot 2017-03-01 at 6.38.23 PM.png

The page that is the most concerning is the one presenting itself as an official Boston Antifa Facebook page being run by a supposed official Boston Antifa “spokesperson” named Dustin. This person, who claims to be from Boston Antifa in videos uploaded to YouTube, is completely unknown by any of the actual antifascists actively organizing with each other and their communities in real life in the Boston area. It is very important for as many people around Boston and among the wider antifascist/anticapitalist community to know that any and all content published by these accounts are undoubtedly intended to undermine the actual antifascist work going on in Boston by spreading misinformation, and an attempt to discredit the recent gains and support antifascists have garnered, in Boston and across the US, by creating a false image of the movement.

This unknown “antifa” poser troll “Dustin” seems to be also behind another antifascist themed Facebook page called “We Smash Fascism – Anti-Fascists Worldwide” that also presents itself as a legitimate antifascist resource targeting the wider antifascist community. The alt-right have been known to operate honeypots this way and will collect the information of anyone naive enough to interact with them as an antifa page

But here's the topper. This same “Dustin” shows up on a clearly fascist store page: [Screen Shot 2017-02-27 at 9.16.02 AM.png](#) Fascist clothing page sharing “Boston Antifa”'s youtube videos. What more proof is needed?



Cleaning up the Garbage

From a Philly antifascist:

Post Trump election days have empowered every sort of white supremacist across the states. Northeast Philadelphia, always an active, stinking cesspool of racist boneheads, has seen the reemergence of the Keystone United (previously known as KSS/Keystone State Skinheads). They



have been a menace for years. Their legacy has nothing to do with “heritage.” Their “heritage” is about a trail of murders, violent attacks, and rapes wherever they pop up. Recently, the bigots have been back at it, covering the area with their fascist propaganda, showing up along major corridors, spreading their vile filth in their old recruiting grounds.

Local Philadelphia Anti-Fascists were quick in killing their messaging dead in its tracks. They cannot be allowed back into Philly's hoods and communities, and racists will be met everywhere they are. They will not recruit. They will not have a place to speak. They will not feel safe. No quarter, no inch, no space to breathe for fascists.

Antifa hit up Joey Phy's (of 4383 Salmon St.) hood to let his neighbors know they have a Nazi in their midst. Not only should people know when they live next to a toxic dump of a ‘person’, we also want them to know that we are there, and are watching out for them. Joey Phy should not be comfortable spreading his propaganda, or walking the fucking street for that matter.

We also went back up to the northeast, where lots of KSS stickers were removed and destroyed recently. We blanketed that area too, covering up nazi symbols and messages with our own. Our friends at La horde (<http://lahorde.samizdat.net/>) will be happy to see their anti-fascist imagery put to use in silencing Keystone.

From: <https://phillyantifa.noblogs.org/>



As the real activists and revolutionaries that make up the Boston Antifa community continue organizing in real life despite being removed from Facebook, these fascist imposters are creating fake content and making posts all day long just in an attempt to discredit the name and make antifa look bad. Let it be known that these pages are fascist trolls, and just because they are sharing posts from IGD and many other legitimate antifa-related pages we shouldn't be fooled. We don't want any comrades to be misinformed or taken advantage of. As far as social media goes, Boston Antifa's sibling organization North Shore Antifa is still active on Facebook and serving as a verifiable and trustworthy resource for antifascist organizing in the Boston area.

Any information regarding the identity of “Dustin” or anyone behind these accounts, please contact NorthShoreAntifa@protonmail.com



The Selection of Racist Donald Trump!

by Black Riders Liberation Party Minister of Public Relations E Da Ref

The selection of racist Donald Trump for president of the racist U.S. fascist regime exposes the true nature of the government. It is prime time, right now, to unify, organize and strategize; to ride on white supremacy, colonialism, neocolonialism, and drive all elements of imperialism off the face of the planet. We must apply the military tactics, like Sun Tzu says, "Know thy enemy, and know thyself."



We are coming to a shift from the "illusion of inclusion" era under the neocolonial bootlicking of Barack Obama to a more overt form of fascism.

During the presidency of Obama there was a rise in racist white supremacist right wing extremist militia groups. They've been pushing a hard anti-immigration line, Islamophobia line, McCarthyism anti-communist line, and a white supremacist fear of Black procreation, leading to domination of human population (or as they call it - White genocide.) Out of all this, emerges the so called "new patriot movement" or the Alt- Right. Groups like G.O.P., The Tea Party, Council of Conservative Citizens, Oath Keepers, Minute Men, all represent the evolved ultra-militarized elements of the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and Aryan Brotherhood.

This is a global phenomenon; it's not limited to the United States of Amerikkka. This phenomenon manifested with the British citizens voting to exit the E.U. because they didn't want to abide by the immigration and trade policies in June 23, 2016. You have the rise of a fascist formation called Golden Dawn in Greece and similar groups in Ukraine. There is also the re-emergence of Racist A.W.B. in South Afrika. All of these groups are Hitler's helpers and modern day Mussolini's.

What we are currently encountering is what Black Riders Liberation Party's - National Ground Force Commander

Sgt. Askari defines as Pan-European White Nationalism. This was created to compete with the development of Pan-African Black Nationalism, (or what we call African Intercommunalism) in the same manner that the US Government's forces of fascism created scientific globalization of capitalism to compete with the elements of scientific socialism, under Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal" and other concessions from International Finance Capital monopoly firms.

The paramilitary element of this so called new patriot movement is known as the 3 percenters. All of this comes around the same time as the new Black Liberation Movement is growing extremely stronger from the ashes of the Black Lives Matter phenomenon. Certain codes of identification are developed from stats and analysis, like the Black formation, The Nation of Gods & Earth, also known as the 5 percenters, which symbolizes the 5% of poor righteous teachers of truth amongst the 85% unenlightened deaf dumb and blind, while 10% of the people know the truth, but teach a lie for their personal gain.

The name "3 percenter" comes from the fact that only 3 percent of colonial settlers took up arms against the British crown during the so-called Amerikkkan war for independence. They think three percent of the population was enough to overthrow a government and win so-called independence. The movement was co-founded by Mike Vanderboegh from Alabama, a member of the Oath Keepers; he claims to have formerly been a member of Students for a Democratic Society and the Socialist Workers Party, but abandoned left-wing politics in 1977 after being introduced to right-wing libertarianism. Most of that militia is made up of Conservatives from rural (redneck) backgrounds, veteran and army rejects, that are highly trained and organized, tax protesters, sovereign or state citizens, and doomsday apocalypse preppers/survivalists. This patriot movement has roots in the anti-communist John Birch society as well.

One of these type of groups by the name of "Bureau on American-Islamic Relations" (BAIR) planned an armed demonstration in front of the Nation Of Islam Mosque in south Dallas. The Armed Black United front (made up of Black Riders and other Revolutionary organizations), called the Huey P. Newton Gun Club showed up and provided a powerful paramilitary presence in protection of the black community. BAIR withdrew their forces and retreated like cowards.



The Oath keepers were the same hyper militarized militia that came to Ferguson to intimidate protesters from rebelling by formulating vigilante units to protect corporatized, privatized property. Their main mission is "To defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic." The Council of conservative citizens is the same organization whose propaganda inspired the actions of Dylann Roof; the white supremacist terrorist who went into a church in Charleston, South Carolina and slaughtered 9 Black people while they were praying, according to his manifesto.

The older generation Black Panther Party proclaimed that the right wing extremist groups were NOT a major threat. Minister of Defense and Co-Founder of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, Dr. Huey P. Newton stated in the film "Prelude to Revolution" that "the birchites and minute men don't represent the real threat like the ruling class and the occupying pig police armies in the black community." However, it's common knowledge that pig police departments in big urban cities such as Oakland, Los Angeles, Newark, and Detroit recruited their forces from the rural racist areas in the south. Thurgood Marshall said that the Klansmen traded in their hoods and mask uniforms for the pig police uniforms, and judge's robes.

These racist right wing militias are a vigilante extension of the occupying army of the fascist state. They are training and recruiting many veterans who served in the US armed forces, and are directly connected to the ruling circles as land owners. They have political seats in the senate and congress and now they have their racist hero Donald Trump as president. The O.G. Black Panther Party for Self-Defense said that the main enemies are the racist

pig police, the demagogic politicians, and big avaricious business men. These racist right wing extremists have secured all three of these categories. So the Black Riders Liberation Party -New Generation Black Panther Party for Self Defense takes a position of extreme hostility toward these militias.

The Black Riders has confronted and smashed on the racist Minutemen (K.K.Klan) in 2007 and the racist Nazis- N.S.M. (nationalist socialist movement) in 2010 and many other similar type white supremacist groups in the past. General T.A.C.O (Taking All Capitalists Out), - Leader of The Black Riders states "They only understand the knife, they only understand the gun, and we intend on communicating with them clearly!!!"

"The pig is an instrument of neoslavery, to be hated and avoided; he is pushed to the front by the men who exercise the unnatural right over property. You've heard the patronizing shit about the thin blue line that protects property and the owners of property. The pigs are not protecting you, your home, and its contents. Recall they never found the TV set you lost in that burglary. They're protecting the unnatural right of a few men to own the means of all of our subsistence. The pig is protecting the right of a few private individuals to own public property!! The pig is merely the gun, the tool, a mentally inanimate utensil. It is necessary to destroy the gun, but destroying the gun and sparing the hand that holds it will forever relegate us to a defensive action, hold our revolution in the doldrums, ultimately defeat us. The animal that holds the gun, that has loosed the pig of war on us, is a bitter-ender, an intractable, gluttonous vulture who must eat at our hearts to live. Midas-motivated, never satisfied, everything he touches will turn into shit! Slaying the shitty pig will have absolutely no healing effect at all, if we leave this vulture to touch someone else. Spare the hand that holds the gun and it will simply fashion another."

"Settle your quarrels, come together, understand the reality of our situation, understand that fascism is already here, that people are already dying who could be saved, that generations more will live poor butchered half-lives if you fail to act. Do what must be done, discover your humanity and your love in revolution." -Quotes from George L. Jackson

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Taboo Issues Affecting the Corrupt Texas Criminal Justice System

by Keith 'Malik' Washington, Chief Spokesperson, End Prison Slavery in Texas Movement

"The problems of Black Life Matter are hence fundamentally problems of Structural Power. In other words, structural racism encompasses the entire system of white supremacy, diffused and infused in all aspects of society, including our history, culture, politics, economics, and our entire social fabric." - California Prisoner Troy T. Thomas in Slingshot summer 2016 issue, pg. 7.

Peace & blessings sisters and brothers!

I've been here all along but Texas Prison and State Government officials had done a masterful job of silencing or drowning out my voice. Now that I have acquired a small amount of notoriety it's time for me to expose this corrupt agency, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Racism in Prisoner Rights Advocacy!

In Texas there's a growing Prisoner Rights Advocacy Movement but it is broken up into two separate sects. Only the active and involved are aware of this esoteric fact.

One "camp" is made up of predominantly of white-christian-mainstream activists. Their names are recognizable and popular. They seek prison reform through co-operating with the same individuals who are guilty of the oppressive policies. They even will outright tell you "we are not set-up to fight the system we want to work with TDCJ in order to bring about change." My response is, "Good luck with that!"

Through the years I have become friends with Michael Jewell, the executive director of Texas-CURE in Dallas. Michael and his partner Joan Covici actually saved my life when prison employees at the Estelle High Security Unit unplugged my fan in my cell during a deadly heat wave in Texas in 2012.

Michael paid his dues - he spent 40 years in TDCJ - 23 in Ad-Seg. However, Michael and I have different

perspectives when it comes to our strategies and tactics. I am in the "other" camp.

Our camp is made up of Black, Mexican, White, Socialists, Anarchists, Muslims, Christians, Jews, and the LGBTQ community. We are "the Radicals" or that is how the "Establishment" would like you to perceive us as. We are the Gloria Rubacs, the Pat Hartwells, the Robert S. Muhammads, our names might not be that familiar to you because the mainstream corporate owned media does not give us the same amount of exposure as the first "camp."

You can't tell Gloria Rubac that the Death Penalty in Texas is racially blind. Gloria knows better. Gloria is a white womyn, extremely intelligent, and she has done a concrete analysis of the Racist Death Penalty in Texas and she knows like I know that black and brown humyn beings are forced on that gurney at the Walls unit at a much higher percentage than white folks! FACT.

No-one in Austin, Texas at the capitol really wants to see Comrade Malik, Azzura Crispino, or any "radical" voice at the committee hearing or negotiation table. But we are the ones who are intimately familiar with the corrupt nature of the Agency. Not every guest on the popular Prison Show on KPFT 90.1 FM is going to have a "feel good" family friendly story about their experience with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Some of us are going to talk about the beatings, the numerous parole set-offs, the inhumane living conditions, deadly extreme heat, Toxic water, Rapes & Murder!!

Whitmire Knew!

You read the title of this essay didn't you? So you had to know this was coming. With the help of Mary Ratcliff - the editor of the San Francisco Bay View as well as Carole Seligman and Bonnie Weinstein of Socialist Viewpoint Magazine people are talking about the murder of TDCJ prisoner Alton Rodgers at the Bill Clements Unit in Amarillo, Texas.

Sisters and brothers, Senator John Whitmire is culpable in the death of Alton Rodgers and I will tell you why. In January 2015 Professor Victor Wallis Ph.D. of Berklee College, John S. Dolley of Central Texas ABC & ABC Para-legal Services and myself compiled an information packet entitled: Please Stop the Killing. It included essays which highlighted prisoner deaths and civilian deaths at the hands of law enforcement officers in Texas. We had a special focus on the Bill Clements Unit. We sent the packet to members of the media and specific Texas Legislators. Senator John Whitmire could have called in the FBI and DOJ long ago to stop prisoner abuse and murder, but he didn't.

I provided journalist Kamala Kelkar of the PBS Newshour Weekend with a copy of the *Please Stop the Killing* packet. I wanted her to see with her own eyes how we have virtually begged the Texas Legislature to take action in order to clean-up the corruption at Bill Clements Unit. - NOTHING!

Ever since 2008 when a disgruntled prisoner phoned Senator Whitmire from his cell on Texas' Death Row, Senator Whitmire has secretly harbored animosity toward Texas prisoners. FACT!

Senator Whitmire has continued to turn a blind eye to Institutionalized Violence and Institutionalized Retaliation against prisoners who advocate on behalf of other prisoners. And now with the recent release of a report along with *Notice of Claims* by the National Lawyers Guild, we clearly see that Texas and its prison agency T.D.C.J. has established a custom or pattern, policy, and un-official Government practice of targeting and also retaliating harshly against prisoners who are recognized as Activists and Jail House Lawyers. FACT!

What really happened in Texas Prisons on Sept. 2016?

Nobody is more in tune with Prison Laborers in Texas than I am. So now that I'm isolated and have a ton of time on my hands, allow me to explain briefly what *really* took place prior to and on September 9!

I assume many of you are familiar with the Slave Trade in Amerika? Many of us who are conscious don't like to use the term *Slave Trade* because it gives a person the impression as if there was a fair exchange between Africans and European Slave traders. The dynamics of coercion and violence are not reflected in the term that is why we use the term *Maafa*. Because it was a Black Holocaust that we experienced here in Amerika.

But TDCJ, Texas Corrections Industries and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles currently use coercion, violence, and sometimes torture to force Texas prisoners into Slavery and Involuntary Servitude. Case in Point:

Wynne Unit is a prison in Texas located in Huntsville. It's home to at least 6 different Texas Correctional Industry factories. Prior to Sept. 9, I received a report from one of my sources there and here is what he said: 3 weeks before Sept. 9, the Senior Warden at Wynne, Mrs. Kelly Strong, partnered with the Chief T.C.I. Plant Manager and together they held "Town Hall meetings" with prison laborers. There is a Mattress Factory, Computer Recovery Plant, Sing Shop, Tag plant and a couple others.

The prisoners were threatened! The threat was that if anyone attempted to organize a work strike or participate in the September 9th Work Stoppage they would receive: #1.) A Major Disciplinary Case #2.) Demotion to G-5 (Close Custody) #3.) A Transfer to a Far Flung Rural Area! G-5 Custody is a very restrictive and punitive security status in which two prisoners are trapped in a cell 22 to 24 hours a day!! - FACT!

And by the way when a prisoner in Texas receives a Major Disciplinary Case his or her Parole eligibility is affected in a very negative manner. So how many prisoners do you think were "Down for the Struggle" on Sept. 9th in Texas Prisons in the face of such threats?

The Industrial Workers of the World and the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee made the call to organize and educate. I gave and continue to give every bit of myself to this Struggle and Movement. I don't have any regrets other than I wish we had more people seriously committed to Abolishing Prison Slavery in Texas.

As I close I remind you that there are many wimmin in Texas Prisons who are down for the struggle but their voices are being ignored, ridiculed, and silenced by Texas Prison officials. Don't Forget about the Sisters! They need our support!

**Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win!
All Power to The People!**

Links:

Comrade Malik <https://comrademalik.com>



United Front for Peace in Prisons

The USW, the internationalist Prisoner anti-imperialist movement, will support your moves so that in turn you support ours.

USW's latest project was developed by several lumpen organizations' leadership within the belly of the beast to bring about a real peace between all factions within US prisons. The United Front for Peace in Prisons program was inspired by actions like the Chi-town cease-fire and the Crips and Bloods peace treaties.

Statement of principles: the basis of any real unity comes from an agreement on certain key ideas. This statement does not grant authority to any party over any other party we are mutually accountable to each other to uphold these points in order to remain active participants in this United front.

Peace: we organize to and the needless conflict and violence within the US prison environment. The oppressors use divide and conquer strategies so that we fight each other instead of them. We will stand together and defend ourselves from oppression.

Unity: we strive to unite with those facing the same struggles as us for our common interests. To maintain unity we have to keep an open line of networking and communication, needed because the pigs use tactics such as rumors snitches and fake communications to divide us.

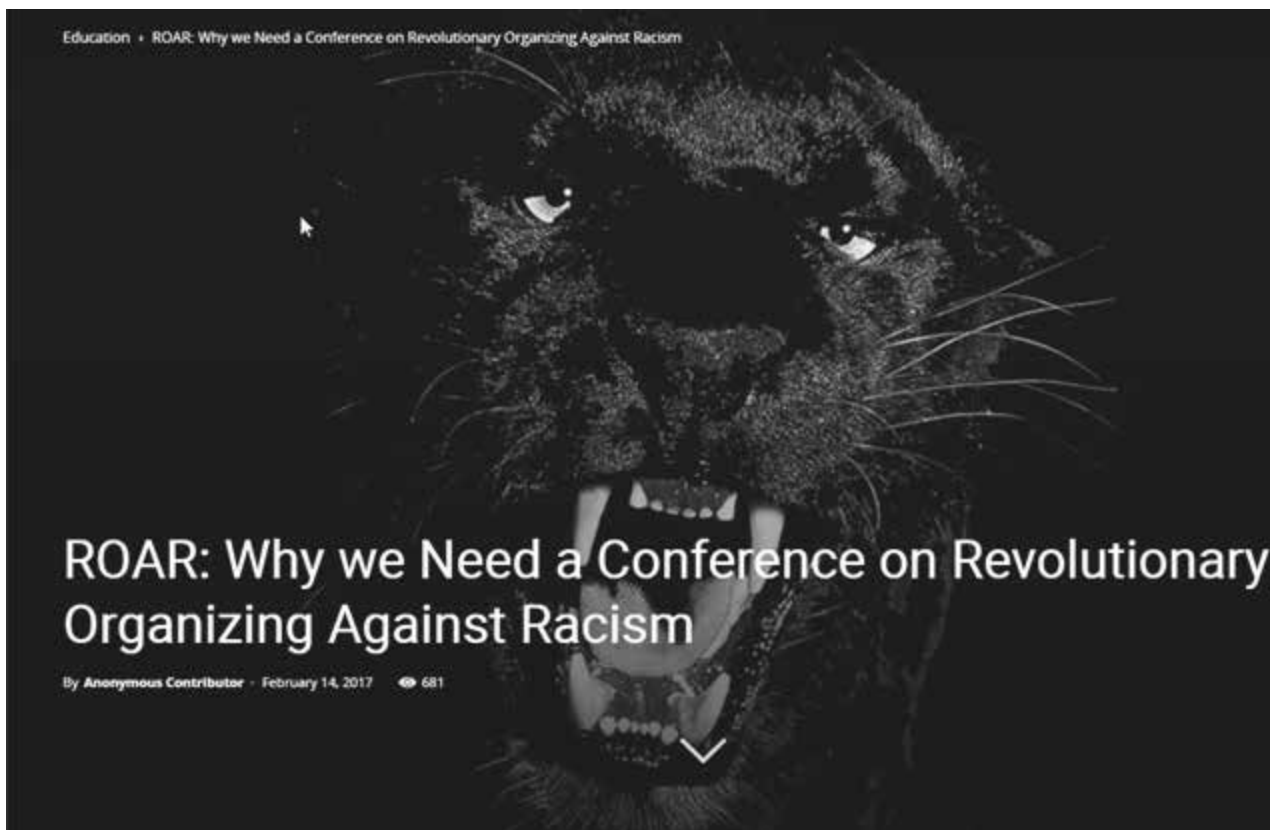
Growth: we recognize the importance of education and freedom to grow in order to build real unity we support members within organizations to leave and embrace other organizations and concepts that are within the anti-imperialist struggle everyone should get in where they fit in.

Internationalism: we struggle for liberation of all oppressed people. While we are often referred to as minorities in this country, our confidence in achieving our mission comes from our unity with all oppressed nations who represent the vast majority globally. We can't liberate ourselves when participating in the oppression of other nations.

Independence: we build their own institutions and programs independent of the US government and all its branches right down to the local police, because the system does not service by developing independent power through these institutions we don't need to compromise our goals.

Our movement can use the assistance of TTT to spread the United Front For Peace In Prisons. For additional information, write to Under Lock And Key, PO Box 40799, San Francisco 94140. Though this newspaper is published by MIM (Prisons), USW is at the center of its production, and it's focused on empowering all US prisoners into becoming political prisoners. It's free to all prisoners and stands at the forefront of the First Amendment battles waged against state censorship.

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ROAR: Why we Need a Conference on Revolutionary Organizing Against Racism

To be a revolutionary means to be anti racist. American style apartheid is a necessary part of every aspect of this genocidal, leech of a country's social order. Therefore it must be dismantled if we value human dignity.

At the close of Obama's last year in office we saw an inspiring amount of resistance; from the resurgence of US black militancy in cities big and small in defiance of police murders, to the halting of the Dakota Access Pipeline by indigenous communities from all over the world, to a nation wide prison strike led by the Free

Alabama Movement out of Holman Prison.

Already, at the start of the new year, we've seen a successful disruption of "business as usual" during Trump's inauguration in DC: citywide blockades were set up by Black Lives Matter activists, several corporate businesses were attacked and a limousine was set ablaze by the now infamous "black bloc." Shortly after, spontaneous airport occupations spread across the nation in response to an executive order by Trump that barred people from 7 Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States.

During these times more and more attention is being paid to those of us who use direct action and hold liberatory and revolutionary politics. We can use this moment not only to inspire others through our actions, but to also inspire with our ideas. To draw a line not just against this or that politician, or this or that Alt-Right figure, but to construct revolutionary positions such as returning land to the indigenous, centering black folks and their perspectives, community self-defense, taking care of one another, putting women and gender non-conforming people to the front, obliterating borders, opening prison doors, and gaining our freedom from the State, capitalism, and all the other damning institutions.

We would like to explore these ideas and how we're going to accomplish them together, at the Revolutionary Organizing Against Racism (ROAR) conference, to be held on March 11th and 12th 2017 on Ohlone territory

Reverse the Kounter-Kommunity Koup at listener sponsored KPFK 90.7 FM & Pacifica Radio

Rogue members of the Pacifica National Board have stolen your KPFK!

In a few weeks' time, they have:

- * moved towards removing 2 women of color from the national board,
- * installed a new interim ED from TX chosen at a rump meeting,
- * fired the KPFK general manager in violation of her employment contract,
- * removed community based shows by black and brown programmers,
- * tried to divide and conquer unpaid staff members, and in the process
- * set the network up for at least 3 lawsuits.

In the wake of the Trump victory, unleashing naked white supremacist and anti-immigrant, anti-woman, anti-Mexican, anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic violence and hate speech, the rogue board members and their appointees are shifting KPFK and Pacifica to the right just when we need them the most. The time to fight back is now!

Sunday, March 12 at 9:30 AM, meet us in the parking lot of the Peace Center, 3916 S. Sepulveda Blvd. in Culver City (between Washington Place & Venice Blvd.) to speak out at a local station board meeting where they are trying to move forward this coup. #NoKKKpfk There will be a follow-up meet-

(San Francisco Bay Area). Its focus is on revolutionary anti-racism, solidarity, and strategy, rooted in the legacy of anti-colonial, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist, feminist, and queer movements and fighters who have come before us. ROAR will be a space to gather, build, and learn from each other's struggles and continue to build an anti-racist front in the Bay Area and beyond.

The conference is free to attend and childcare will be provided! More details can be found on our website at www.roarconference.net or follow us on instagram @roar_conference or through #roarconference.

Please donate to ROAR conference to help in our effort to make it free to participants and cover travel costs for speakers! Donate here at: www.rally.org/ROARconference

ROAR is a two day conference organized by NoCARA, focused on revolutionary anti-racism, solidarity, and strategy, rooted in the legacy of anti-colonial, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist, feminist, and queer movements and fighters who have come before us. ROAR will be a space to gather, build, and learn from each other's struggles and continue to build an anti-racist front in the Bay Area and beyond.

The event will be held on both side sides of the Bay Area. Day one will be at the Omni Commons in Oakland. Day two will be held in San Francisco at the California Institute for Integral Studies. For more info:

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ing on Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 pm at the Peace Center to extend and rebuild a community coalition.

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The call for an International Women's Strike on International Women's Day, March 8, has gone out from the organizers of the Women's March on Washington as a follow-up to that huge manifestation, and inevitably a build up for a May 1 General Strike (MIGS) on International Working Peoples' Day. The character, focus and base of the growing women's resistance is still in struggle. In L.A., there are two events, the second of which is explicitly anti-racist and anti-imperialist. There was also a women's march called in LA for Sunday March 5, centered on and featuring women of color, with a rally outside LAPD HQ and a march to the federal Detention Center nearby. These actions speak to the need to simultaneously broaden, deepen, sharpen and strengthen women's and all peoples' resistance to patriarchal, racist capitalism and colonialism.



Peoples Lawyer. former political prisoner Lynne Stewart in need

by Bob Lederer

Ralph Poynter told me the following very sad news last night, and has authorized me to distribute it publicly: Our beloved People's Champion (and WBAI Local Station Board member) Lynne Stewart suffered a major stroke last Wednesday, the latest complication from the cancer that has now spread throughout her body and invaded her brain. She is resting comfortably at home and is not in pain, but can only speak sporadically. Her doctor has said she does not have much time left.



Ralph and Sister Betty Davis are of course taking good care of her, as are her doctor-daughter Zenobia Brown and long-term friend of 63 years Virginia Gernes. Ralph welcomes your emails (ralph.poynter@gmail.com). Because of the high expense of Lynne's ongoing care, Betty has launched an online fundraising campaign. Please donate generously. <https://www.generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/financial-appeal-for-lynne-stewart-health-crisis>

I learned all this minutes after Ralph accepted an award for Lynne at a major public event by the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, which honored a large group of lawyers and doctors who have supported U.S. political prisoners. As we know, for years Lynne went out of her way to provide strong representation to a pantheon of dedicated radical activists facing prison -- before she herself suffered a similar, cruel fate.

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neo-colonialism and in *settler* colonial societies (like the US, Israel, Canada, Australia, etc) where large numbers of colonizers inhabited colonized terrain and established their own states. What is more, the imperial societies are re-colonizing the globe under economic doctrines of neo-liberalism, direct corporate rule via forms such as the WTO, and increasingly, the “neo-conservative” direct application of military might. Neo-liberalism plus neo-conservatism equals neo-colonialism.

However, to say there is no difference between capitalist imperialism in general, and fascism in particular, is also wrong. Fascism is a form of desperate imperialism, moved to taking risky, potentially destabilizing and utterly inhumane measures for its survival (often, but not only, because of the strength of its conscious opposition). Fascism relies more than other methods or systems on a visceral identification with the leader, who embodies the nation and its cause. The degree to which fascism must emphasize its mass appeal and its revolutionary face is a measure of the weakening of the grip of “normal” imperial and colonial thinking within the working classes, and of their allegiance to the deal they got.

It is important to understand that saying imperialism sometimes takes fascist form is not the same as attributing fascism to a “ruling class plot.” Imperialism, especially modern imperialism and settler colonialism, have always been cross-class projects, in which at least substantial strata of working and other “subordinate” classes have participated independently and directly, not merely under the direction of the bourgeoisie or “ruling” class.

Where there is not a revolutionary anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist threat manifest in the ranks of working and oppressed people, fascism may still appear necessary or desirable to the rulers or other strata because of other threats, or because of other weaknesses of the bourgeoisie.

What’s more, fascist regimes are not necessarily going to ally with each other because of ideological affinities. Alliances will shift between and among ‘democracies’ and ‘dictatorships’ just as they did before, during and after World War II. So we may see US Christian fascists opposing Muslim fascists or Hindu supremacists, or Arab reactionaries and Zionists opposing each other. This “anti-fascism” does not preclude simultaneous fascist initiatives within their own societies.

Similarly, state and bourgeois-based fascist elements may move against other fascist forces within their own society, particularly those that emphasize the anti-elitist face of fascism. Competing elements within fascist movements may use violence against each other in seeking to dominate. Hitler wiped out Roehm and the SA.

Fascism, furthermore, has always presented itself as a competing ideology for state building and economic advancement in colonized societies, in opposition to anarchist, communist and other socially-liberatory ideologies, or by emphasizing unitary and totalitarian methods as more efficient than pluralistic or secular bourgeois democracy. The Japanese empire pre-World War II, for example, presented their militaristic, xenophobic imperialism as a “liberator” of Asia from European colonialism and domination. Many Latin American countries have had fascist and proto-fascist movements, sometimes based in or supported by religious or military authorities.

We can even find fascist kernels in communities of color as well as within the white population. While such fascisms have often been subordinate to larger imperial forces, to the extent they prove capable of or interested in independent action, the fascism of imperial powers may define them as a critical enemy rather than an ally.

You Can’t Build a Free Society on Stolen Land

What’s key for us to understand, however, is that because the US is a settler colonial, as well as an imperial society, it has always had elements of what later became known as fascism operating within its society and state against internally colonized and enslaved populations and territories. Trying to find a moment or “golden age” in US history is like removing layers of an onion. The “fascist” element was there before 9-11, before the post-World War II national security state, before the World War I Red Scare, before the Spanish-American War and over-seas conquests, before the Mexican-American war and manifest destiny, before the War of 1812 to overturn the British recognition of sovereign Native nations in the interior. The mass participation and base for this has fundamentally been the white settler population (although people of color have at times been incorporated, too, in a neo-colonial or modified settler role).

George Jackson: “Fascism is Already Here”

This is what George Jackson meant when he said fascism is already here. It was not rhetorical hyperbole or meaningless substitution of ‘fascism’ for ‘capitalism.’ The Black colony and especially Blacks within the prison system (the new plantation /reservation /concentration camp) lived and live under conditions of fascism (including often a cross-class racist alliance of white supremacist prisoners and guards who uphold the rule of the bourgeoisie and its state). But this is true not only inside the prisons. The channeling of Black youth into prisons, parasitic criminal organizations, the military or neo-colonial regulation systems manifests a fascist-style domination and incorporation of a threatening population.



The fundamental basis of “white privilege” is that working people of European descent are spared such fascist methods of rule, so long as they remain loyal to and identify with the oppressors. There are substantial mass strata, including among white workers, petty bourgeois and employees in state security forces such as the prisons and police, for whom fascism of the more modern, “European” form has great appeal, as well as sectors of the bourgeoisie and of the bureaucratic governing class who are accustomed to and predisposed towards fascist style rule.

The turn to fascism does imply, however, a change in the composition, structure, powers and rationale of the state, and in the forms of domination and exploitation of the “metropolitan” (oppressor nation) working people. The types of oppression and exploitation that have been directed at the (internally) colonized population begin to make themselves felt against the settlers as well, even as they are being courted and propagandized to adopt a new and more intimate and totalitarian identification with the rulers and the empire.

This describes what is happening in the US today. The process of fundamentally transforming the nature of the US state, not merely quantitatively in terms of repression, but qualitatively in terms its fundamental modes of operation and social contract, is happening primarily from the top down - orchestrated by the neo- and paleo-cons, some neo-liberals and a faction of the big bourgeoisie. Secondly, it’s driven from the bottom up (more so by clerical fascist forces and by neo-Confederates closely allied to the rulers, as well as by the white proletariat, declassed white lumpen and petty bourgeois elements who are drawn into openly and expressly neo-nazi and other armed and violence-prone formations). What we are seeing today particularly in the Trump campaign and presidency is a dangerous integration of those groupings, with members of the big bourgeoisie and the military recruited directly into control of major government departments.

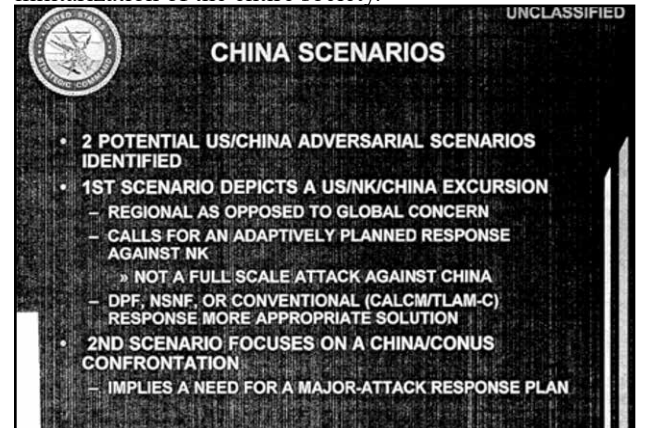
But corporatization proceeded within the Obama-led state apparatus as well, ranging from the cutting of deals on financial regulation with financial giants, and on health care with Big Pharma, to the incorporation of local police into Homeland Security-led border enforcement or the use of the economic crisis as a club to force the privatization of public education. ALEC and similar corporate front groups were already writing state legislation and municipal

ordinances, and corporations were already allowed to buy elections and politicians. Obama’s social base however was less fascist-prone and Occupy & BLM indicated he had failed at pacification and a harsher hand was sought.

That means we must seriously prepare for situations of much more naked repression, perhaps akin to those which pertain in the colonial and semi-colonial areas — the dirty war in Argentina, the Pinochet regime in Chile, the death squads in Central America, the Israeli Occupation Forces in Palestine, etc. That such repression may sometimes target open, self-proclaimed fascists does not negate its own fascist character. Since the goal is stabilization in crisis, threats to stability are unwelcome.

Economic Crisis of the Empire and Industrialism

These statist, pro-imperial forces see quite clearly that the economic and environmental crises facing their system require a re-incorporation of mass support on a different basis than the old imperial bribe. They also foresee and openly promise a period of ‘endless war’ and increasing militarization of the entire society.



Less openly, but no less relentlessly, they are girding up for a military showdown with China, Russia and Iran (the only “debate” seems to be about which to take on first, manifest in the electoral maneuvering and Deep State leaks about Russia and Putin). The prospect of taking on that battle, in the context of a dwindling economic pie of which they are taking a larger share, necessitates both increased repression and inventive methods of obtaining consent, for which “fascism” is as good a code name as any.

The reason that it’s important to consider whether a fully fascist state is on the horizon in the US is not a matter of semantics but of survival. Or perhaps more currently, we need to understand exactly how the rulers and retail fascists are transforming the nature of the state, and what initiatives will be undertaken by or allowed for non-ruling class forces to push forward fascism independently of the rulers.

What is vital is seeing how what is happening is rooted in pre-existing cross-class alliances that must be smashed if we have a chance to turn the crisis into an opportunity for a liberatory transformation of this society and state. If people see anti-fascist struggle as a means to return to a mythical democratic, egalitarian past, we are indeed doomed.

In a certain sense, whether we call it fascism is immaterial. The question is, what room do we have to maneuver, what timetable do we have to operate on, what methods of organization and struggle are appropriate or likely to be successful in the current period? The timetable and nature of organizing, as well as the means of struggle appropriate and necessary to pursue, will be affected by the nature of the state and the extra-parliamentary fascist forces we confront. So will the kind of alliances we can make and the type of organizations we build.

Withstanding Fascism & Brutality

Fascism, however we “define” it, has meant a particularly brutal and harsh form of governance within imperial metropolises, a much more active pursuit of genocide, a more naked and totalitarian form of domination of labor and other mass organizations. This is not a linguistic question.

Other forms of social and political organization are also capable of excesses, but fascism distinguishes itself by seeking to reconstitute the individual personality and the state in a ‘revolutionary’ fashion. In the third world, imperialism has long operated through dictatorial, militaristic puppet regimes that carried out bloody repression. Whether those can correctly be called “fascist” is arguable — they are responding to pressures from above and outside their own societies and often have a limited mass base within them.

But if we are again facing anything close to that type of repression and death squad activity inside the US itself, as the Black Panther Party, the Chicano-Mexicano struggle, and the American Indian Movement did in the late 60s and early 70s, we need to adjust our organizing dramatically.

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The BPP led anti-fascist forces in the US & with global impact in the late 60s and early 70s.



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The current political context in the US, whether we label it fascist or not, calls for a whole range of things connected to the idea of more clandestine struggle (I am not thinking necessarily or exclusively of illegal or armed action here). Nonetheless, we do need to incorporate the same sense that "from-below" fascist forces have long grasped — that independent political action must make use of all forms of struggle and all means of exerting countervailing power.

The abiding lesson of the previous history of fascism coming to power is that the alleged state monopoly on armed power is a polite fiction aimed at disarming the oppressed. Particularly in the US context, where armed settlers operated independently of the state to capture land, suppress slave rebellions and other colonial functions, it is fatuous to believe that only the state acts as an armed agent. Class fractions, regional networks and other social elements have always been armed and used arms to advance their interests in the U.S. Pacifism is exclusively a pathology of the left and liberals. We need to develop the capacity to defend ourselves and our communities.

We need to strategize based on an understanding that mainstream media work is almost entirely pointless, at least as currently conceived. The transformation of "journalism" and "entertainment" into corporate/state propaganda is pretty much complete. CNN or the NY Times will not deter Trump, let alone fascism. Previous court rulings have made it clear that freedom of speech and the press are essentially protected only for corporate interests.

Alternatives are happening — developing our own media, pirate radio, webcasting, using indymedia — but remember, the Internet is closely monitored and subject to being choked off. Facebook, Google and the rest, as well as the telecommunications giants and ISPs, feed directly into the intelligence gathering apparatus of the state. When Bush stole the 2000 election from Gore, the Democrats backed off eliminating Pacifica Radio as a medium of grassroots dissent; but now, in the wake of the Trump triumph, they are seeking to neuter and circumscribe Pacifica into the voice of a safe, tame and mainstream "resistance."

We need to focus more energy on less public forms of organizing than fruitless rallies and demonstrations. Being out in the streets in numbers is exciting and provides an opportunity to contact and influence many people who are new to politics, but to the extent such rallies become ritualized and impotent, reacting to policy initiatives and threats from the state, they can't sustain themselves. We need to organize deeper and more sustained initiatives of our own away from public scrutiny, not simply reacting to state and fascist provocations.

We need to listen more, as a means not only of intelligence gathering on the enemy, but also of understanding what's on the minds of the people we want to work with and among. We need to develop community-based grass roots anti-racist and anti-empire work that has endurance, and that rewards people in the doing of it.

Anti-fascists can never abandon confrontation with nazis, but public venues are going to be increasingly controlled and subject to massive repression. The

disappearance of the anti-war movement in the face of ongoing war has to do partly with the hold of illusions on the Democrats, reflected in Van Jones's comment on Trump's "presidential" moment glorifying the US casualty in his Yemen raid. But it's also testament to the inefficacy of street demonstration in stopping war and the effectiveness of militarized police in disrupting anti-corporate, anti-globalization street actions. People don't fight to lose.

We need to think about methods of infiltration and subversion of state and fascist initiatives, as well as counter-organizing a base for anti-racist culture and resistance among people who would otherwise be drawn to the nazi "solution."

Organizing Below the Radar

We need to build a legal/self defense component into all our work, anticipating busts, frame-ups and harassment. We need to build stronger outside networks of support for people locked down, materially and otherwise. There needs to be thought about safe houses, cultivation of supporters who never do anything public to identify themselves with the anti-racist and anti-fascist movement, secure means of covert communication, transportation and release and dissemination of information. We need to think about building redundancy in all those mechanisms. In other words, we need to adopt some methods of organization that are better suited to conditions of occupation or fascism. Simply masking up is not sufficient. To the extent we can get at all ahead of the curve on this, it will be a lot easier to do, and a lot likelier to survive the repression.

Organizing and outreach into the prisons and the military are vital. These spheres, along with workplace organizing, have always had some of the characteristics of occupation or fascism that impede open organizing. They are vital areas in which to work. The degree of state and bourgeois repression applied in these arenas under "normal democracy" are a measure of their strategic importance.

They are an important proving ground of our ability to organize under such conditions as well as our capacity to craft a message and practice that engages the people we want to reach. This is also true for work with high school students, for many of the same reasons. We need to overcome divisions between the lumpen, blue, white & pink collar workers, and those in the black or grey market.

One key to understanding fascism is to grasp, and counter, the appeal fascism makes to women. The male-dominated left tends to discount the revolutionary potential of women, the need for a strategy to deal with the role of violence in the lives of women and children, and the efforts of fascists to present themselves as the answer to

women's problems. A fuller discussion and an attempt to develop practice based on a deeper understanding of those issues must take place in a sustained way.

The state has moved into this arena in various ways. The use of Afghan women as justification for waging war on Al Qaeda, the Taliban and Afghanistan and Pakistan is one clear example. Another notable one is creation by the Pentagon of a network of organizers out of "army wives," whose job it is to maintain morale and support for the war efforts among the families and the troops. Clerical fascist groups have always been very strong and effective in this regard, appealing to both men and women around a "kinde, kuche, kirche" (children, kitchen, church) sex-role definition of women in the family, augmented in the modern period by appeals to women's (racial) self-defense and women's leadership in anti-abortion and related struggles, as well as in corporate enterprises. This reflects an attempt to augment bourgeois feminism with fascist feminism as the empire confronts a global proletariat increasingly composed of women.

Progressive faith-based groups, some of whom are hard-core pacifists, must be addressed in an anti-fascist strategy, just as "White Rose" Catholics formed one base of anti-fascist resistance in Hitler's Germany. Such groups also have a long history of civil resistance, sanctuary-type activities regarding unjust immigration policies, and otherwise breaking the law or doing secret work for reasons of conscience. The burglary of the FBI offices in Media, PA that ultimately exposed COINTELPRO, for example, was carried out by Catholic-affiliated anti-war resisters close to the Berrigans. I think we might be able to learn a great deal from them.

We need to begin operating as if fascism is already fully in place. This is not defeatism, because only acting in this way will we be able to turn the dynamic around and use the crisis as a basis for a truly revolutionary transformation of society. We similarly need to start working with the understanding that it is already too late to reverse global warming quickly in the short term. We need to build community-based, anti-capitalist efforts to live under the harsh environmental conditions that will prevail over the next decades. Anything less is suicidal. In other words, we need to take the current political, economic and environmental crises as the breeding ground, not for fascism, but for our own independent, revolutionary anti-imperialist offensive!

I invite responses and discussion of these ideas, some of which were first put forward over a decade ago in "Turning The Tide."

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- ★ Mar 11-12, Revolutionary Org. Agst Racism conference, Oakland and SF (see cover)
- ★ Mar 12 - 9:30am, Mass resistance at KPFK LSB, 3916 S. Sepulveda Culver City
- ★ Mar 26 - 4pm Grassrts Community Radio Coal to take back KPFK, 3916 S. Sepulveda, CC
- ★ Apr 15 - ARA Reportback from ROAR Conference, time, location TBA
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